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TO : Department of State

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TEXT. PASS:

Info : Amembassy PARIS

FROM : Amembassy DAKAR

DATE: February 1, 1966

SUBJECT: Educational and Cultural Exchange: American Specialist Grantee
Katherine DUNHAM

REF : Paris A1387, 1/22/66

The referenced airgram contains the following statement:

"She (Katherine Dunham) wished to point out that she is in Paris at the recommendation of the American Ambassador and of President Senghor who both felt she could be most effective right now working in Paris."

This comes as a total surprise to me; at no time have I made any such recommendation or suggestion to Miss Dunham.

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DEPTEL PARIS 3536, 3743 & DAKAR TO DEP 544

1. POST REGRETS INABILITY PROGRAM DUNHAM PARIS GIVEN HER ILL HEALTH AND TOTAL INVOLVEMENT WITH DAKAR FESTIVAL. DUNHAM LEAVING CLINIC 14 FEBRUARY, RECUPERATING PARIS ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE RETURN TO DAKAR. DUNHAM SAYS INJURY INCURRED ON DUTY STATUS AND CLINIC FORWARDING BILLS TO INSURANCE COMPANY.

2. POST ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO SUGGEST SHE DELAY RETURNING DAKAR SO GRANT WOULD COVER PER DIEM PAYMENTS AFTER

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FESTIVAL WHEN SHE COULD WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY. AT SAME TIME POST SYMPATHETIC HER FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND FAIRLY CERTAIN SHE NOT RECEIVING PAYMENTS ELSEWHERE FOR ADVICE SHE GIVING PERSONS PARIS CONCERNED WITH FESTIVAL. AT MOST, POST MAY PAY MODEST SUM FOR ARTICLE. HER HEALTH PRECLUDES LECTURES OR DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. FYI DUNHAM MOST DEPRESSED OVER FESTIVAL PROSPECTS BECAUSE:

A. GUINEAN WITHDRAWAL WHICH SHE ATTRIBUTES TO WOUNDED PRIDE OVER PROMINENCE GIVEN NIGERIA BY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE. SHE MAY BE OFFERING HER GOOD OFFICES OR HER HUSBANDS TO REVERSE GUINEAN DECISION.

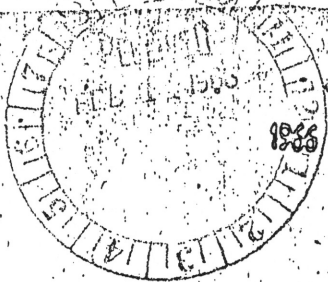
B. REFUSAL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE BUY COSTUMES HER LAST SHOW. THIS MAY REPRESENT EFFORT SALVAGE LOSSES INCURRED BY AMERICAN DESIGNER, RESIDING PARIS, WHEN SHOW COLLAPSED.

C. OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED MOUNTING FASHION PARADE. THIS SEEMS SOMEWHAT MARGINAL TO INTERESTS FESTIVAL BUT MAY REPRESENT FURTHER DUNHAM EFFORT HELP AMERICAN DESIGNER. SHE BELIEVES

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SHE UP AGAINST ENTRENCHED FRENCH INTERESTS PROTECT THEIR
DAKAR BOUTIQUES AND PRODUCTS.

D. MOUNTING HOSTILITY PARIS BASED PRESENCE AFRICAINE GROUP

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TOWARD DAKAR COMMITTEE AND INABILITY UNESCO PROVIDE FURTHER
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

4. POST BELIEVES DUNHAM INTENTIONS GOOD AND CONCURS WITH
DEPARTMENT. ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS HER RETURN DAKAR PER TERMS
ORIGINAL GRANT.
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BOITE POSTALE 2534

TÉLÉPHONE 366-04 - 366-05 - 321-58

DAKAR, SENEGAL

April 12, 1966

[redacted]
U. S. Embassy
Dakar

Dear [redacted]

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In December, 1965, Miss Katherine Dunham asked me if I might administer to her Solumedrol 40 mg., a medication which she said she had been taking for over a long period of time for arthritis involvement of both knees. She mentioned that she was experiencing some discomfort in the knees but no more than at previous times. No mention was made of any accident having occurred immediately prior to my seeing her. She was given 40 mg. of Solumedrol IM.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
Peace Corps/Senegal

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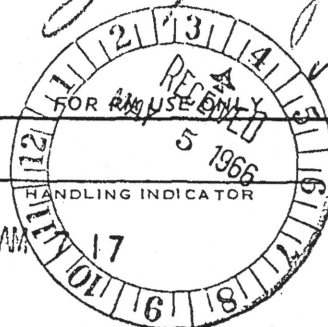
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TO : Department of State, Washington
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DATE: May 2, 1966

FROM : Amembassy Dakar

SUBJECT : EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE: Katherine DUNHAM, American Specialist.

REF : Grant Authorization 650004;
Amembassy Paris Airgram A-1387 January 22, 1966;
Deptel 597 January 28, 1966.

With regard to the subject grant, the post submits the following report and requests advice on pending items as noted.

1. Grant Payments

Miss Katherine Dunham believes the Department forwarded directly to her New York City bank a payment of \$264 and two payments of \$462 each as compensation at \$33 per day for the period November 15 to December 31, 1965. She claims she received no payment since January. A review of her file indicates she was in duty status in Dakar from December 16 to December 21, 1965, when she returned to Paris. She arrived again in Dakar on March 4, 1966, and has been in duty status since that date. Miss Dunham requests that payments be reinstated. The post requires information on payments made to date and the periods covered. An explanation on the financial arrangements presently in effect as a result of the break in duty status is also required.

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2. Hospitalization

On several occasions during visits to the USIS office, Miss Dunham advised she may bring legal action against the Department for non-payment of compensation or per diem during her stay in Paris. Initially, she claimed compensation was due since Ambassador Cook recommended she return to Paris. Reference was made to the attached copy of the Ambassador's letter to her dated February 13, 1966, in

which he

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which he disclaimed advising her to return to Paris. She then expressed her belief that the Department is obligated to make payment of compensation and per diem because of her accident in Dakar and the need for surgery in Paris, claiming that facilities in Dakar were inadequate.

Miss Dunham did not contact the post during her December visit to advise of her accident. Since her return to Dakar she was asked repeatedly to submit a written statement regarding the circumstances of the accident, however she refused and advised the post to obtain a report from the attending physician, [redacted]

[redacted] Her verbal explanation is as follows: while descending a staircase at the Hotel Vichy in Dakar on December 19 or 20, 1965, she slipped and caught her left high heel on a step thus causing her left knee to bend double and her right knee to bend partially double. She claimed she slipped only and that she did not fall. She stated that the pain became intense the following day and it was necessary to call [redacted] for treatment. On requesting a report of his visit, [redacted] submitted the attached letter dated April 12.

In informal discussion with the doctor, he stated that if Miss Dunham had mentioned the accident he would have insisted on taking X-rays. He further stated that during his visit Miss Dunham advised that her chronic arthritic condition was becoming more serious and that sooner or later she would require surgery. Attached is a copy of a statement from her Parisian doctor dated February 10 which also makes reference to the chronic defect. Miss Dunham advised that hospital bills in excess of \$4,000 are still outstanding while her insurance coverage is limited to \$1,000.

The Department's advice regarding compensation and/or per diem payments during Miss Dunham's stay in Paris is requested. Miss Dunham also inquired of the possibility of the Department's increasing her insurance liability.

3. Reports and Follow-Up Action

The post is unable to render a report on the effectiveness of Miss Dunham's program. Her visits to USIS are primarily concerned with financial matters. She was disappointed in the lack of publi-

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city on her arrival and the apparent disinterest on the part of the local government officials. Several weeks after her arrival she advised the post that the dance school project she wished to pursue could not be realized. The local government had no funds to finance the school because of its commitments with regard to the recent Festival of Negro Arts. At that time she requested that approval be granted for her transfer to another African country. In late March, however, she appeared to be content to stay in Dakar since President Senghor furnished her with an apartment as promised in his telegram of January 12 (copy attached). She then inquired of the possibility of a three-month extension. As noted in the telegram, she was given the title of "Technical Cultural Advisor" (Conseiller Technique Culturel). The exact responsibilities of this title are unknown.

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For the Ambassador.

Public Affairs Officer

Enclosures:

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1. Copy of Ambassador Cook's letter dated February 13, 1966
2. [redacted] letter dated April 12, 1966
3. Copy of [redacted] letter dated February 10, 1966
4. Copy of Pres. Senghor's telegram dated January 12, 1966.

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FROM : Amembassy DAKAR

DATE: August 2, 1966

SUBJECT: Education Cultural Exchange: Request for Extension of
Grant to Miss Katherine DunhamREF DEPT. A-30 May 19, 1966
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The Embassy has just received a request from the Secretary General of the Presidency requesting an extension of Miss Dunham's grant which expires August 30, 1966. This letter, of which a copy is enclosed, states that Miss Dunham is now giving modern dance classes to the ballet troupe of the National Theater and needs to continue her work for one more year in order to finish the job she has started.

While Miss Dunham may be doing useful work with the Senegalese dance troupe, the Embassy would recommend against the requested extension for the following reasons:

1. Miss Dunham has caused considerable difficulties for the US Government in Dakar in the past which are well known in Washington and which could well recur.
2. Miss Dunham has already indicated that if the extension is approved, she will demand considerably more support from the Senegalese Government than she has received to date, including such items as a large, adequately furnished house, a car and chauffeur, a secretary, and an operating budget of at least \$5000. There is no reason to believe that the GOS is either willing or able to meet any of these demands.
3. There has in the past been serious antagonism between Miss Dunham and the Director of the Senegalese National Theater, and this could cause further embarrassment to the US Government in the future.

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Enclosure: translation of letter from Sec. Gen. of the Presidency

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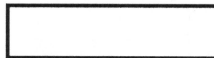
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4. Even in the absence of any of the above problems, it is not believed that the cost of this extension would be justified in terms of the overall program of this post. With limited funds available the post believes that other uses could be found which would be more important to overall US objectives.

In view of the shortness of time involved and as a courtesy to Miss Dunham and the Senegalese Government, an early reply would be appreciated.



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In renewing my congratulations and thanks for the brilliant participation of your country in the First World Festival of Negro Arts, I am happy to tell you of our complete satisfaction with the services rendered during that period by Miss Katherine Dunham who you were kind enough to assign to the offices of the President of the Republic as a technical advisor.

At present, Miss Dunham is giving classes in modern dance to the ballet troupe of our National Theater. Accordingly, I would be very grateful if the State Department would be willing to continue Miss Dunham's contract in her present position for a period of one year, so that she might be able to finish the job that she has started.

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Complimentary closing,

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DUNHAM's grant.

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Dakar, Senegal
November 18, 1966

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[redacted] CU/AF
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear [redacted]

There are two subjects that we would very much like answers on:

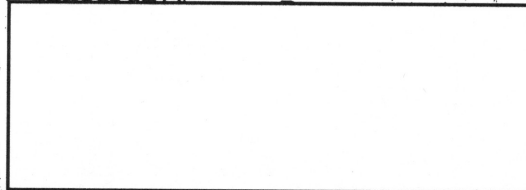
1. For some time the Senegalese Basketball Federation has been after us to send a group of their coaches to the U.S. for a training course. Needless to say we cannot finance this out of our budget. Do you know of any private or semi-private organization that might be offering such a deal this winter? Or is CU going to organize and finance such a project on a regional basis?

2. Sometime during the Festival of Negro Arts, Katherine Dunham managed to lose all of her ticket and excess baggage stubbs. Twice now we have cabled CU to ask simply how much of the latter she has left. We have received no answer. We do have an OM describing in detail how her travel has been used up, but we do not know just exactly how much excess baggage she still has coming under her grant. I realize that this is the kind of picky question that drives finance offices crazy, but I would be grateful if you could find out for us.

For your information, Katherine Dunham has severed all connection with the GOS. Their offer to extend her grant did not work out. She plans to stay here until March 67 anyway, in order to write a book on Haiti. She will then return to her teaching job at Southern Illinois University.

Sincerely,

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SAC, WFO (161-4100)(P)
KATHERINE DUNHAM, aka
SPI

ReNY teletype to WFO dated 2/14/67.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) unable to locate income tax data concerning appointee. IRS interested in knowing date appointee plans to return to this country and where she will be residing so she can be interviewed. New York handle, and advise WFO who will notify appropriate IRS authorities.

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TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-4100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2271) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KATHERINE DUNHAM aka;
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Re WFO airtel to NY, 2/27/67.

[redacted] Dunham School,
440 West 42nd Street, NYC, anticipates return of appointee
from Senegal during mid March, 1967. Place of residence
not certain but most likely with friends and associates in
NYC area.

It is suggested WFO furnish appropriate IRS
authorities with aforementioned school address and name
of Registrar to facilitate their interest in this matter.

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Miss Dunham, although married [redacted] is known professionally by her maiden name, Katherine Dunham. Various records reviewed indicate she was born on either June 22, 1909, or June 22, 1910. This memorandum supplements the information contained in the summary memorandum dated February 17, 1967.

440 W. 42nd St.
New York, New York

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, show that since June, 1935, Miss Dunham has been issued several passports for travel to various countries of the world for business purposes. The records of the Passport Office show that in connection with one of her passport applications, she indicated she married [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 1930. She indicated the marriage was terminated by divorce on February 3, 1936. The files of the Passport Office contain no additional pertinent information concerning Miss Dunham.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, show that Katherine Dunham [redacted] were married in Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 1930. This was the first marriage for each of these individuals.

The records of the Superior Court, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, show that [redacted] was granted a divorce from Katherine Dunham McCoo on February 2, 1939, on the charge of desertion.

[redacted] advised he first became acquainted with Katherine Dunham in approximately 1928 or 1929, and

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Katherine Dunham

they were married in Chicago, Illinois, in May, 1930. He stated that at that time, his former wife's career in dancing was "getting under way" and she had had several performances in the Chicago, Illinois, area. He stated they had a very pleasant and happy marriage until they had "disagreements," and through mutual consent they separated and he subsequently obtained a divorce from her. He said the divorce did not involve any scandal or notoriety. He stated he has had no contact with his former wife for approximately 25 years. However, based on his knowledge of her, he would state she is a loyal American citizen of good character, reputation, and morals. No information of an unfavorable nature has been brought to his attention concerning her.

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Information has been received from the Office of Security, Department of State, indicating that its files contain no additional pertinent information concerning Miss Dunham.

The files of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State, reveal that Miss Dunham was awarded a grant on July 9, 1965, under the provisions of Public Law 87-256 (The Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, approved on September 21, 1961), as an American Specialist in the field of dance to go to Dakar, Senegal, for a total period of 189 days effective November 15, 1965.

[redacted] Division of Americans Abroad, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised that her office had considerable trouble with reference to travel arrangements, salary, request to be allowed expenses for excess baggage, and many other matters in connection with Miss Dunham's grant under the provisions of Public Law 87-256. She indicated that as a result of the trouble experienced by her office in connection with Miss Dunham's grant, it is doubtful she would again be recommended for a similar grant. She said she noted Miss Dunham's grant terminated on August 30, 1966.

1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Burke

March 2, 1967

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

By letter dated February 17, 1967, you were furnished a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation regarding Miss Katherine Dunham. Enclosed is a memorandum which supplements the information contained in the summary memorandum dated February 17, 1967.

A check of the records of the Internal Revenue Service has not been completed. When the results of that check have been received, you will be advised.

The Attorney General has not been provided a copy of this communication.

Sincerely yours, -

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2271)
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-4100) (P)
RE: KATHERINE DUNHAM, aka;
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Re WFO telephone call to NY, 3/3/67.

This confirms telephone lead at request of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for New York Office to endeavor to get social security number for appointee's husband, [redacted] and to advise WFO who is maintaining liaison with IRS.

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ReWFOairtel to NY, 3/3/67.

[redacted] Dunham School,
440 West 42nd Street, NY, NY, advised she has no information
regarding the social security number [redacted]

[redacted] further advised the appointee
is anticipating to arrive NYC on or about 3/10/67, and
will use the school address for mail and contact purposes,
but will be visiting with friends in NYC. She stated
the appointee will remain a brief period before traveling
to Washington, D.C. to visit and traveling on to the
University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, Illinois,
where she is due by 4/1/67. *cf*

She stated the appointee [redacted]
will be securing an apartment at Carbondale, Illinois,
and will be on record with the University if contact is
desired at that time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, WFO (161-4100)(P)
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ReNY airtel to WFO dated 3/6/67.

Close liaison being maintained by WFO with IRS, which has been unable to locate income tax data for appointee or spouse. IRS awaiting their arrival from overseas expected latter part of March or early April, 1967. Upon arrival, IRS will contact them and report results of their income tax check.

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Status of IRS check remains the same. Liaison
being maintained with IRS and results of their report will be
immediately submitted when available.

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March 29, 1967

BY LIAISON

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

By letters dated February 17, 1967, and March 2, 1967, the results of investigation concerning Miss Katherine Dunham were furnished.

Enclosed is a copy of an Internal Revenue Service report dated March 24, 1967, concerning Miss Dunham's income tax returns for the years 1963 through 1965. Upon receipt of additional information from the Internal Revenue Service concerning Miss Dunham's income tax returns, you will be advised.

The Attorney General has not been provided a copy of this communication.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI () DATE: 4/3/67

FROM : SAC, WFO (161-4100)

SUBJECT: KATHERINE DUNHAM
SPISOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)

partial IRS, 3/27/67

☐ Post and destroy
☐ File

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/2/67

Reason for the delinquency: IRS outstanding.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 4/10/67

AEC zone designation; e. g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)☒ No administrative action necessary.

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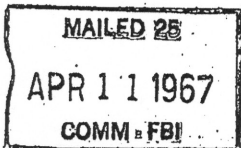
To: SAC, Washington Field (161-4100)

From: Director, FBI (161-4870)

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KATHERINE DUNHAM, aka
SPECIAL INQUIRY

On instant date advice was received from the White House that no further investigation is necessary concerning Dunham. Accordingly, you should take no further action in this matter.

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- Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Burke

April 12, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to my previous communications which furnished the results of investigation as well as a partial check of the records of the Internal Revenue Service concerning Miss Katherine Dunham.

In accordance with advice received from you on April 11, 1967, no further investigation is being conducted regarding Miss Dunham.

The Attorney General has not been provided a copy of this communication.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: By communications dated 2/17/67, 2/2/67, and 3/29/67 the results of investigation as well as a partial check of the IRS records were furnished to the White House regarding Miss Dunham. Mrs. Stegall at the White House on 4/11/67 advised no further investigation concerning Miss Dunham should be conducted.

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To: SAC, Springfield

From: Director, FBI

KATHERINE DUNHAM
RACIAL MATTERS

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ReSLairtel 11/22/68, entitled
RM - Black Liberators."

If not previously handled, you should promptly institute a discreet investigation of Dunham to be handled in strict accordance with the provisions of Section 87D, Manual of Instructions, as they relate to investigations of individuals connected with institutions of learning. The results of your investigation should be submitted in form suitable for dissemination along with your specific recommendations for further action. Consideration must also be given to the inclusion of subject's name in the Security Index and/or Agitator Index.

In view of the allegation received concerning Dunham, this matter must receive continuing priority attention in order to determine her activities as a black extremist and to fully resolve the allegation. All logical investigative steps must be considered including the development of source or sources close to Dunham and in a position to report on her daily activities.

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Airtel to SAC, Springfield
RE: KATHERINE DUNHAM

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Springfield refer to your airtel and LHM, 7/31/67, entitled [redacted] East St. Louis, Illinois, Police Department Officers; Katherine Dunham, aka, Mrs. John Pratt - Victim; Possible CR" and to the Springfield report of SA [redacted] 2/1/67, entitled, "Katherine Dunham, Special Inquiry" (Springfield file 161-318). Enclosed for your assistance in this matter are the following communications bearing the latter caption:

San Francisco report of SA [redacted] 1/31/67 and its informant reliability memorandum.

Mexico, D.F. report of SA [redacted] 1/31/67.

Detroit report of SA [redacted] 2/1/67 and its informant reliability memorandum.

Seattle report of SA [redacted] 2/1/67 and its informant reliability memorandum.

Chicago report of SA [redacted] 2/1/67 and its informant reliability memorandum.

Los Angeles report of SA [redacted] 2/1/67.

New York report of SA [redacted] 2/1/67 and its informant reliability memorandum.

Philadelphia report of SA [redacted] 2/1/67 and its informant reliability memorandum.

WFO report of SA [redacted] 2/2/67.

New York report of SA [redacted] 2/14/67.

Los Angeles report of SA [redacted] 2/16/67.

Airtel to SAC, Springfield
RE: KATHERINE DUNHAM

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Seattle report of SA [REDACTED], 2/17/67.

New York report of SA [REDACTED], 2/17/67.

Chicago report of SA [REDACTED], 2/18/67.

WFO airtel, 2/24/67.

Also enclosed for Springfield is one copy each of St. Louis airtel and LHM, 9/9/68, entitled, "Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee."

NOTE:

Dunham, a Negro dancer and choreographer, is on the staff of Southern Illinois University, East St. Louis, Illinois. [REDACTED] the Black Liberators, a group which patterns its activities after those of the Black Panther Party, has advised that he expects to be imprisoned in the near future and is in the process of turning over the leadership of his group to another individual. In this connection he stated one of his most important contacts was Katherine Dunham, because she handled "international contacts." This allegation requires prompt and thorough investigative attention.